

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Brielle Perez and I am a student from Hartford, Connecticut.

I am originally from Hartford, Connecticut. My family has been in Connecticut since I was born. I am a senior in high school and I go to school at Connecticut River Academy located in East Hartford.

My family has Husky Health. There are times when my family members, who don't have insurance, have to pay out of pocket. That is a struggle because saving up can take a while.

This bill will help my community by having children, who are young, be eligible to have health care until they are older. Children who are undocumented deserve the chance to have insurance. For children to not have health care after they turn 9 is unacceptable because during that time, a lot of children get sick and may not be able to get a check up.

I support S.B. No 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation. Everyone deserves a chance.

Thank you for your time,
Brielle Perez